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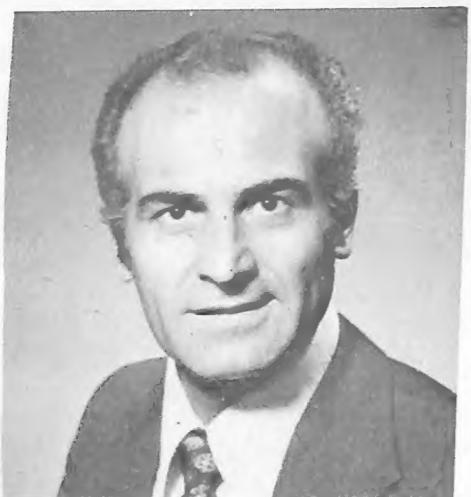
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## WHERE CAN WE FIND HIM?



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the distinguished and powerful people of the land rallied. They did not realize that the Redeemer was to come as a person "despised and rejected by men...as one from whom men hide their face." They did not know that "there was no place for him in the inn," and that he was born in a stable as a homeless and hapless person.

There are certainly many good things about the way we celebrate Christmas, but there are sad things as well. One of the sad things about our Christmas observance is that often, only the first part of the story of the wise men is repeated in our celebrations. We follow our human wisdom and wishes, and we look for Jesus in the gifts we exchange, the acts of the seasonal charities we perform, the family get-togethers we hold. There is no question that these are good things in themselves and perhaps they are necessary for a joyful Christmas celebration. Sure, we attend and we involved ourselves in religious activities too. But following the precepts of our culture that exalts that which is grandiose, we often try to look for Jesus in the spectacular "spiritual" events of the season—colorful candlelight ceremonies, pompous services led by impressively vested clergymen, showy choral performances, and so forth.

Of course, Jesus may conceivably be present in such places. But if we really want to find Jesus, we must follow the wisdom of God... "who chose the lowly things in this world..." (I Cor. 1:28); we must listen to what the Scriptures say about "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich" (II Cor. 8:9).

In Matthew's account of the birth of Jesus, there is the revealing story about wise men from the East who came to Jerusalem to look for the child and worship him. The first part of the story has a sad undertone. It tells about the wise men's failure to find Jesus.

Pursuant to the leading of their wisdom, the wise men went to the magnificent palace of King Herod believing that the child, who was born King, could be found in the royal palace where

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The twenty-fifth chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew proves the point. In his parable of the Last Judgment, Jesus, affirming his oneness with man, makes the astounding revelation that though he is King, he lives in the world in the form of the imprisoned; though he is sovereign, he chooses to reveal himself in the poor; though he is almighty, he identifies himself with the weak, the sick and the hungry.

If we want to find Jesus, let's not look for him in our Christmas gifts; neither in our parties; nor in our dignified worship services. Yes, let's concede Jesus may be present in those. But if we really want to experience Jesus in our Christmas celebrations, let's go to those with whom He chose to identify Himself—the hungry, the oppressed, the marginalized, the poor—for we shall surely find him among them.

Matthew's story of the wise men, however, has a happy ending. When they could not find Jesus in King Herod's courts, they continued their search, "and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was born...they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy" (Matt. 2:9, 10).

The same experience can be ours too. But we have to turn our Christmas celebrations into God-glorifying occasions of seeking Jesus sincerely and begin to respond to His love through our daily participation in the lives of those who represent the "least of his brothers" among us.

### IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED MORE THAN ONE COPY OF THE AMAA NEWS—

If you have received more than one copy of the AMAA News, please excuse us. Sometimes a duplicate copy is sent in spite of our best efforts to avoid it. If you did receive an extra copy, will you pass it along to a friend? Thank you.

## ATTORNEY ALBERT MOMJIAN HONORED AT AMAA ANNUAL MEETING BANQUET

members and friends of the AMAA and the Momjian family from New Jersey and Pennsylvania. In addition, representatives of various organizations to which Mr. Momjian has rendered his services as well as pastors of Armenian Evangelical Churches and many guests from the West Coast were in attendance.

Mr. Charles DeMirjian of Media, PA, acted as the capable Master of Ceremonies of the evening, and special music was provided by vocalist Arpi Alanian of Fresno, CA, with the piano accompaniment of Mrs. Gladys Keuhnelian of Tenafly, N.J. The Keynote Speaker of the

evening was Dr. Carnegie Calian, President of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, who, in his usual dynamic manner, delivered a thought-provoking message on the theme, "Is There a Passion for Excellence in the Church?"

A number of persons representing the AMAA and other service oriented organizations paid tribute to Albert Momjian, whose interest and involvement spans a large number of charitable causes. Those who paid tribute included: Nazar Y. Daghlian, President of the AMAA; the Rev. Dr. G.H. Chopourian, Exec. Director of the AMAA; The Rev.



AMAA President, Nazar Y. Daghlian (left), and Executive Director, Dr. G.H. Chopourian (right) presenting gift of artwork as token of appreciation to Attorney Albert Momjian. Second picture: Honoree, Albert Momjian and wife Esther.

### The Inspirational Corner

### MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?

My brother's keeper? Mine the task  
Too menial for which to ask?

I to befriend him, take him in,  
A stranger, with my next of kin?

My tired brother, forced to roam,  
Thanks me for rest, for warmth of home.  
He faces hunger, he seeks sites  
Of soil and pasture, free from blights.

My brother's keeper? Spurn his pleas  
When he's afflicted with disease?  
Withhold the goods at my command  
When famine stalks across his land?  
When droughts scorch fields,  
when wells run dry,

Could I let him who suffers die?  
I know my brother's heart must bleed.  
To share with him is hence my creed.

My brother's keeper? Man of arms,  
Who's slave to fetishes and charms?  
Bless him whose manners I call rude,  
Whose culture, primitive and crude?  
Yet uncouth savage that he is,

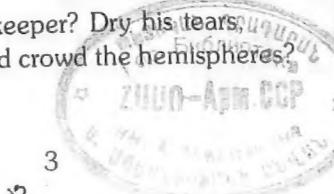
He is my brother, worth the price  
That calls for zealous sacrifice.

My brother's keeper? Dry his tears,  
Whose kindred crowd the hemispheres?

by Lydia Regehr

A host of brothers at death's door  
From torrid inland to the shore  
Are stretching out their hands to me  
With mute expression of a plea:  
One Father's race, let us unite  
Around the bulwark of God's might.

My brother's keeper? Yes, I am.  
Through Christ, the sacrificial Lamb,  
The Prince of Peace, we are joint heirs.  
Delivered from the tempter's snares,  
We enter Heaven's holy zone.  
As sisters, brothers, at Your throne,  
Linked by Your love, saved women, men,  
We praise You, Lord, speak Your Amen.





Master of Ceremonies, Charles DeMirjian (left) and Keynote Speaker, Dr. Carnegie S. Calian at podium. Second picture: Mrs. Nazar Daglian (left) presenting gift to Mrs. Esther Momjian (right).

Dr. Vahan Tootikian, Moderator of the AEUNA; Haig Messerlian, Exec. Director of the AGBU; The Rev. Karl V. Avakian, Pastor of the Armenian Presb. Church of Paramus; Dr. Dale Bishop, Middle East Regional Secretary of the United Church Board for World Ministries; Mrs. Joyce Stein, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Stephen Philibosian Foundation; and Dr. George Ajemian, President of the Armenian Missionary Association of Canada. All of the speakers praised the Christian spirit and devotion with which Mr. Momjian has generously and gratuitously given of his time, energy and professional expertise to the AMAA and other Armenian and American religious, educational and philanthropic organizations.

A special message from President Ronald Reagan was read by Mrs. Joyce Stein. The President's message said: "Nancy and I are delighted to offer you our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes. We join with your many friends in saluting your personal accomplishments, generosity, community commitment, and your American spirit. The Armenian Missionary Association of America has chosen wisely in recognizing you for this honor. God bless you and, again, congratulations on this special occasion."

Numerous other congratulatory telegrams and letters were received from many AMAA Board members and former officers as well as clergymen and prominent community leaders from all



Momjian Brothers, Set (left) and Albert (right) flanking Uncle James Momjian.

parts of the United States. As a token of appreciation of the AMAA, Mr. Daglian presented Albert Momjian with a beautiful recognition plaque and two works of art by the noted modern Armenian artist, Amadouni, while Mrs. Nazar Daglian presented a lovely decorative crystal piece to Albert's wife, Esther.

In his response, Mr. Momjian thanked the Board of Directors and the membership of the AMAA for the tribute and in his usual articulate way, expressed his satisfaction in having a part in the worldwide ministry of the AMAA. He said, in part, "Esther and I deeply appreciate the motivation and good will which prompted this recognition. We are

happy to be of service to the AMAA and hope that our working relationship with the Association may continue for many, many more years."

A partner of Abraham & Loewenstein of Philadelphia, Attorney Momjian received his J.D. from Columbia Law School in New York. He has served as President of the Pennsylvania Chapter of American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers; Chairman of Pennsylvania Bar Association (1982-84); member of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Domestic Relations Committee; Adjunct Faculty member of the Temple University Law School (Graduate Studies Program) and the Delaware Law School; Family Law

Course Planner at Pennsylvania Bar Institute; and faculty member at the Pennsylvania College of the Judiciary.

Besides serving on the several Board of Editors, Mr. Monjian has coauthored two important works, *Pennsylvania Family and Family Law Forum*. Author of books and numerous articles on family law, Attorney Momjian is also a contributing editor of "Family Law and Practice" (Matthew Bender). The generous giving of self and time is apparent in the numerous committees that Mr. Momjian has either chaired or of which he is a member.

In addition to being Honorary Consul of the Republic of Haiti, he is a member of the Board of Directors of Family Service of Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, a member of the Advisory Committee of the Women's Law Project, the Joint Family Law Council of Pennsylvania and a former Consultant of Pennsylvania House & Senate Judiciary Committees. He is listed in "The Best Lawyers in the U.S." (Town and Country) and "The Best Lawyers in America" (Seaview/Putnam, N.Y.).

Other service activities of Attorney Momjian include: Solicitor, Armenian Assembly Trustees; Solicitor, Armenian Sisters Academy; Trustee/Solicitor, The Stephen Philibosian Foundation; Founder/Past President, Columbia Club of Philadelphia; Solicitor, Russian Evangelical Church; Attorney, Church of the Annunciation and Greek Archbishop of North America and South America;

Member, Philadelphia consular Corps; Board Member/Treasurer, Lower Moreland (Huntingdon Valley, PA.) School District; and Past Commander, Ardashad Lodge, Knights of Vartan.

Mr. Momjian and his wife, Esther (nee Gostigian), are the parents of twins, Carol and Mark, both of whom received their Juris Doctor degrees in May 1986, and Thomas Jamie, a second year student at Columbia University in New York.

The banquet, on October 18th, provided a beautiful opportunity to express the gratitude of the AMAA to a man who, through his magnanimous services, has contributed so much to the growth of the AMAA.



The Momjian children, Twins Mark (left), Carol (right) with Thomas Jamie (center).



Guests of Honor, Albert and Esther Momjian surrounded by their relatives. (l. to r.): Rose Mekonian, Rosemary and Albert Sahatjian, Esther and Albert Momjian, George Mekonian.

## A TRIBUTE TO ALBERT MOMJIAN, ESQUIRE

Distinguished clergy, honored guests, ladies and gentlemen:

It is truly a great privilege and pleasure for the Board of Directors, and for myself as well, to pay humble tribute to Mr. Albert Momjian, Esquire whom we have all come to address as Al.

In a letter addressed to me on March 18, 1986, Al wrote: "Esther and I are delighted that the AMAA is going to honor you at a testimonial banquet. We certainly plan on attending and are looking forward to being with you and your

family," and in the final paragraph of that letter he concluded thus: "I recognize that you don't require a public blessing for what you have done. On the other hand, it is certainly appropriate for the AMAA to recognize all that you have done and so that others may be inspired to do similar good work." When we apply those words to this occasion, we genuinely and clearly expound the purpose behind the decision to honor Mr. Momjian. He needs no public blessing for what he has done, for I am assured deep in my heart

what he did for the Armenian Missionary Association he did for the service of God, his heavenly Father in whom he believes and trusts. It is we who are the beneficiaries for we are inspired by his devotion and commitment to Christ's command "to go and make disciples of all the nations. . .".

And Al has been an inspiration to the Board for and due to many reasons.

You would think that a man who is in one of the largest law firms in Philadelphia, Abrahams and Loewenstein, with

a heavy log of work schedule whose rounds begin in the early hours of the day, one involved in writing a couple of volumes on Family Law, and one who is in a host of community, state and national institutions and associations would say, "You know, I would love to be involved, but I just don't have enough hours in the day to complete my work." But, he hasn't said anything of the kind, and has given the Armenian Missionary Association extensive time.

I recollect some ten years ago, a crisis was developing between the Association and the Armenian Evangelical Union and it was necessary to have a mini constitutional conference in Fresno, California. Al consented to participate and spent a number of days on the matter and prayed and agonized with us and brought about a solution.

A little over a year ago, the Armenian Missionary Association found it necessary to arrange for a conference in Larnaca, Cyprus, with the leadership of the Union of the Churches of Lebanon and Syria. Al, and fortunately Esther, his very gracious wife, spent the better part of a week to provide his important input. Just this week, he acted as Moderator of a three-day Retreat/Seminar during which were present the "cream" of Armenian Evangelical Leadership planning for the Future of the Armenian Missionary Asso-

ciation. Al has also been present at many, many Board meetings over the past quarter century, at Annual Meetings and at special meetings to give his guidance and counsel. Those who were present at the Retreat/Seminar got a taste of his terrific leadership mixed with much humor. Most of the humor was directed at me, but I will be delighted to be the target again if he'll accept to lead another retreat.

And, oh the pile of correspondence! He has reviewed every trust prepared, studied each and every probate on Wills and Bequests, alerted us on needs for insurance provisions on our securities, real estate and the like.

We are overwhelmed by his labors for the Association—absolutely overwhelmed. When one is overwhelmed one is confounded to find words to say thanks. But, "thanks" is a good word. Thank you Al. The magnitude of your help to the AMAA and the extent of your accomplishments have been extraordinary and unprecedentedly varied.

How can Al do all he does? That's the secret! God has endowed him with great talents—a sharp intellect, an amazing memory, the gift of speech and language, a calm temperament, an ability to coordinate detail and the greater ability to go to the substance of things in a labyrinth of detail, and a convincing and winning

personality. These gifts, I have noted, enable him to do everything he undertakes with great and amazing ease.

I would like to quote the following words from a letter of commendation by the Telfeyan Evangelical Fund which, I am sure, would be the conclusion reached by all who have come to know Al intimately: "When discussions became heated or fragmented, your wit and good humor quickly changed the atmosphere and the task at hand was speedily accomplished. Few have the capacity of giving with such expertise." Comments by many reveal him to be: a superior person; greatness and humility well mixed in him; sincere, reliable, honest; he is great; he is unbelievable.

Good wives, in our Armenian tradition, take the back seat. They bask in the sunshine of the successful lives of their husbands. Esther, the gracious, gifted and talented wife of Al, mother of Mark, Carol and Thomas, has made life easy and happy for Al and their children. God has blessed them all richly.

May the Lord continue to shower His grace upon all of the members of the family so that fired by that love they may reach out to make other lives happy.

G. H. Chopourian

On behalf of Board of Directors, AMAA

October 18, 1986



Participants in the Board of Directors' Meeting: (l. to r.) The Rev. Dr. G.H. Chopourian, Executive Director; Nazar Y. Daghlian, President; John Cherkezian and Harry Dulgarian, Co-Recording Secretaries; Elida Telfeyan; Attorney Albert Momjian, Solicitor; Diane DeMirjian.



(l. to r.): Hrant Agbabian, Vice President; Dr. Daniel Abdulian; the Rev. Dr. Soghomon Nuyujukian; Michele Simourian; The Rev. Karl V. Avakian; Vahram N. Aynilian, Ass't Treas.; Samuel Hekemian; Harold DeMirjian.



Dr. Edward Kavjian, Former President; Dr. George Bezirganian, Immediate Past President; The Rev. Harry Missirlian, Minister to the AEUNA; Dr. John G. Keuhnelian, Vice President; Alan Philibosian, Aram Minnetian, Treasurer.

The 67th Annual Meeting was also marked with meetings of the Board of Directors of the AMAA, AEU-NA and Trustees of the Stephen Philibosian Foundation.

The seminar, which was the first of its kind in the history of the Association, provided a unique opportunity to the leadership of the AMAA and the Armenian Evangelical Community of North America to reflect on important issues in a new and penetrating way. The deliberations and the ensuing decisions and policies will certainly influence the ministry of the AMAA in the years to come.

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The traditional Annual Meeting Service of Praise was held on Sunday, October 19 at the Armenian Presbyterian Church of Paramus, NJ. The service was led by the Rev. Karl Avakian, Pastor of the host church. The sermon in Armenian was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Soghomon Nuyujukian, Pastor of the Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church of Havertown, PA, while the Rev. Dr. Carnegie

Calian, President of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, preached in English on the theme, "What's at the Heart of Christianity".

All the activities held in conjunction with the 67th Annual Meeting were greatly appreciated and found very helpful by those in attendance. We pray that God will strengthen the fellowship among the members of the AMAA as they look forward to gather together for the 68th Annual Meeting of the Association to be held at the Armenian Martyrs' Congregational Church of Havertown, PA, on Sunday, October 18, 1987.

## THE 67TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMAA

The 67th Annual Meeting of the AMAA was held at the Armenian Presbyterian Church of Paramus, N.J., on Sunday, October 19, 1986. The meeting, presided over by Mr. Nazar Y. Daghlian, President of the AMAA, was attended by active and Life Members, representatives of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America, pastors of supporting churches, officers of affiliated organizations, and Board members from all parts of the United States and Canada. In addition to considering the reports of the officers, executives and chairmen of the special and standing committees and affiliated Boards of the Association, the voting membership in attendance con-

sidered and approved a number of amendments in the Bylaws of the Association as presented by the Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Albert Momjian, Esq. The proposed changes were the result of the extensive studies, discussions and deliberations the Committee had conducted during the past two years.

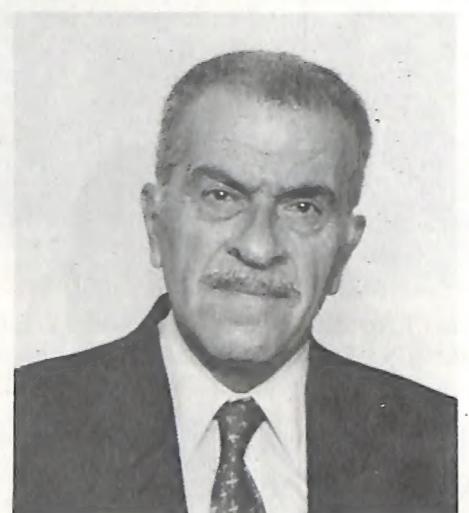
The Annual Meeting was marked with a number of noteworthy activities, the first one of which was a Mission Seminar held at the Ramada Inn in Rochelle Park, NJ, from October 15 to 18, 1986. The seminar, which was moderated by Attorney Albert Momjian, was attended by Board members and former officers of the Association, pastors of Armenian Evangelical Churches and representatives

## NAZAR Y. DAGHLIAN REELECTED PRESIDENT

The Board of Directors of the Armenian Missionary Association of America, at its meeting of November 15, 1986, unanimously reelected Mr. Nazar Y. Daghlian of Lansdowne, PA for the office of President of the Association for the current 1986-87 fiscal year. Mr. Daghlian, who had the same office during the last two fiscal years, had previously served as AMAA's President for three consecutive terms from 1968-1971.

In addition to his normal duties as President, Mr. Daghlian is also charged with other important responsibilities such as the heading up of a Search Committee for the selection of a candidate for the position of Executive Director of the Association. The current Executive Director, Dr. G.H. Chopourian, has informed the Board of his retirement plans.

Mr. Daghlian, who is not a newcomer in AMAA circles, has a long record of distinguished services to the AMAA. Ever since his arrival in the U.S. in 1957, he has been an active participant in the Association as Vice President (1966 to 1968); Board member; Executive Committee member and as Chairman and member of many committees. He has also served the Association as a Trustee of the Stephen Philibosian Foundation, an affiliate of AMAA; Trustee of Haigazian College in its formative years; Chairman of the Task Force of the Armenian Evangelical World Conference of 1978; and the first editor of the Armenian-American OUTLOOK, later incorporated with the AMAA NEWS.



Nazar Y. Daghlian, President

School of Damascus, Shway Secondary School of Lebanon and the Armenian Evangelical College of Beirut. In 1959, he joined the faculty of the Springfield Township High School in Pennsylvania and until his retirement in June, 1985, he served as the Chairman of the Foreign Language Department of the School District of Township where he also taught French.

Mr. Daghlian is married to the former Lucy Kassouny and they have two daughters, a son and two grandchildren.

The other officers for fiscal 1986-87, elected by the 21-member Board of Directors of the Association, are: Vice Presidents, Mr. Kirk Sermabeikian of Saddle River, NJ, and Hrant Agbabian of Los Angeles, CA; Treasurer, Mr. Aram Minnetian of Westwood, NJ; Assistant Treasurer, Mr. Vahram Aynilian of Alpine, NJ; Co-Recording Secretaries, Mr. John Cherkezian of Englewood Cliffs, NJ, and Mr. Harry Dulgarian of Belmont, MA.

The seven newly elected members of the Board of Directors for the Class of 1989 are: The Rev. Daniel Albarian; Mr. Harold DeMirjian; Mrs. Alice Haig; Mr. Robert Hekemian; Ara Manougian, M.D.; The Rev. Dr. Soghomon Nuyujukian; and Norair Sarian, M.D.

The Board of Directors of the AMAA extends its warm congratulations to President Daghlian and the newly elected officers and Board members of the Association wishing them continued success in their labors on behalf of the mission of the AMAA.

## AMAA BENEFACITOR JOHN SHEEN DONATES \$800,000 TO OLD AGE HOME

AMAA Benefactor Mr. John Sheen of Altadena, California, recently donated \$800,000 to the Ararat Home of Los Angeles. The announcement of Mr. Sheen's princely contribution was made public at a fund raising banquet of the Ararat Home held last October 3 at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel. Mr. Sheen's con-

tribution was the largest single donation among the various contributions announced at the banquet.

Ararat Home has embarked on an ambitious \$14 million project of an old age home in Mission Hills, CA, which will include a nursing home for the aged, a museum, a hall and a chapel. Half of Mr.

Sheen's donation is earmarked for the construction of the intermediate care facility and the other half will be used towards the construction of the chapel of the Home.

Mr. Sheen, a devout and mission-minded Christian, has been an active benefactor of numerous Armenian and

American religious, educational and charitable projects. The result of one of his many noteworthy beneficent acts is the campus of the Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Christian School of Pasadena, CA, the acquisition of which was made possible by a generous contribution of \$700,000 donated by Mr. Sheen and his beloved wife, Victoria, who died in 1983. A long-time and an unusually generous benefactor of the AMAA, Mr. Sheen has made a number of benevolent arrangements with the AMAA for the welfare of Armenian and American Christian institutions and for the well-being of needy people.

Mr. Sheen's generous contribution to the Ararat Home represents yet another demonstration of his deep sense of Christian stewardship and genuine compassion for those who are in spiritual and physical need.

## AMAA JAMES G. JAMESON ESSAY CONTEST 1986 OPEN FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) is pleased to announce the opening of its annual James G. Jameson Essay Contest on any aspects of Armenian heritage such as religious, literature, language, history, culture, geography, economy and history.

In order to provide an equal opportunity for all contestants, awards will be made in two categories: (1) High School Contestants and (2) College/University Contestants. Entries will be accepted until May 31, 1987.

Any Armenian or part Armenian high school or college/university student is eligible for his/her respective category. Unpublished entries only will be accepted. The winners in each category, if any, will be awarded \$200 each provided from the income of a special Essay Contest Fund established by Mr. & Mrs. James G. Jameson of Brookline, Mass. The Jameson have established the fund through a generous donation to the AMAA to stimulate a desire in Armenian youth to enhance their knowledge, understanding and appreciation of their traditional background and cultural heritage.

## OPENING FOR POSITION OF AMAA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) a charitable institution of 68 years, is in search of a candidate for the position of Executive Director. Regrettably, the current Executive Director, Giragos H. Chopourian, who served the Association for over 18 years, informed the Board of Directors of the AMAA that he is calling himself to retirement in 1987. The Board accepted his firm decision reluctantly and set up a Search Committee to find a replacement.

The candidate for Executive Director should be a minister of the Gospel or a Christian lay person who shall be a self-sacrificing, creative, hardworking and winning person. The applicant shall have extensive experience in the field related to church, mission and charitable work. The applicant must be fluent in Armenian and English and have at least a Bachelor's Degree. The candidate must demonstrate a belief in the missionary and evangelism work of the AMAA. The salary shall be commensurate with the applicant's qualifications, experience, educational background and abilities. Special skills, such as, writing, speaking, administration and public relations are to be considered essential.

All applications must be filed no later than February 15, 1987. If you are interested in this important and rewarding position, please write for further information and details to the following providing at the same time your confidential resume:

President  
Armenian Missionary Ass'n of America, Inc.  
140 Forest Avenue  
Paramus, N.J. 07652

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The essays should be written in English and have a length of 1,000 to 2,000 words. A contestant is allowed no more than one entry in any year, and no more than one member of a family may receive an award in a five-year period. If no submitted essay is considered sufficiently meritorious, no award will be granted.

A panel of up to three competent judges, chaired by Dr. Fred Assadourian, Chairman of the Publications Committee of the AMAA, will evaluate contest entries. Awards will be based on style, language, accuracy of facts, extent of research and magnitude of helpfulness of the essay to Armenian youth.

The winner of the contest award in 1986 was Dawn Ann Kooyumjian of Friant, CA, for her paper entitled, "Two Armenian Textile Arts: Lace and Carpets."

The AMAA is hopeful that this year too, there will be many contestants and urges them to submit their entries as soon as possible.

Entries and/or inquiries should be directed to:  
**James G. Jameson Essay Contest,  
Armenian Missionary Association  
of America, Inc.,  
140 Forest Ave.,  
Paramus, N.J. 07652.**

## NEWS ABOUT TWO AMAA MINISTRIES

### Modern Day Heroes Keep Haigazian College Open

For those of us who work out of cosy offices in peace and quiet with no thought passing through our minds that violence lurks round the corner, it is impossible to imagine the difficulties and grave dangers under which Haigazian College (HC) faculty and staff labor. This writer develops empathy for such brave persons by the simple process of placing himself, imaginary as it is, in place of the HC workers. In doing so, he goes through the emotions he would experience from things that have been going on for a long, long time: a rocket falling on the building; being held or questioned while crossing check points; being stopped and ordered to get out of the car and told not to ask questions; facing daily the possibility of being kidnapped (one Armenian faculty member, Dr. Hagop Barsumian has been kidnapped for some time now); being asked to vacate your office, building, hospital or institution, not knowing if you'll ever take possession again; being asked to give money or else; having your home ransacked under threat of death!

What does the process do? The sympathizer shudders, and sometimes sheds a tear! And why do these people accept these possibilities and stay on to serve?

### Miss Merdinian's \$1.2 Million Pledge Prompts Action

Based on the 1.2 million dollar pledge of Miss Elise Merdinian, benefactress of the Charlotte and Elise Merdinian Armenian Evangelical School (MAES), over one-fourth of it paid up, the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) made financial arrangements and purchased on November 4, 1986 a "permanent home" for the school at a cost of \$1.8 million. With the cooperation of the Board of Directors of the Armenian Evangelical Schools of California (AES), holding (parent) corporation of the Merdinian Armenian Evangelical School, and the AMAA, the balance loaned out will be recovered in the course of several years. As it is true with all projects of the AMAA, this one too is a "faith project" with firm expectations that the Association will receive public support.

Certainly not for a living alone, for they can make a living elsewhere. They are idealists, serving Armenian youth. They believe in the retention of our Armenian Heritage. They don't just use words, they act on them. Praise the Lord for such brave ones. God bless and protect them.

Haigazian College operates on two campuses, one in West Beirut and the other on the East. Both campuses began school work on October 6, 1986. West Beirut has 36 students registered and they meet in the Mugar building. Two buildings, the Webb and the Mehagian, have been rented as they were not needed. Aside from rental income, there is the additional advantage of preventing occupation.

In East Beirut, the student body has risen to 161, with 111 in the Freshman and 60 in the sophomore classes, with expectations that more will be joining in February when the second semester begins.

The Christian Medical Center (CMC) Hospital, an institution owned and managed by Drs. Puzand Krikorian and Peter Manoogian and Mr. Augustine Badeer, was occupied by the Military, thus ending a useful medical service of

close to 30 years. Recently, the building was vacated and the owners have agreed HC may use the facilities for the College. Already, some immediate repairs have been planned for two of the five floors in which the College Libraries (Armenian and English) and laboratories will be housed.

There is good news about the faculty. A November 4 telex stated:

"We have an excellent faculty in East Beirut, including one American, one Canadian, one German and one from New Zealand. In all, we have nine faculty with Ph.D's and 17 with M.A.'s."

Do you believe in providing leadership to Armenian causes worldwide? This writer met a HC graduate in each of the four countries he visited recently, one as far away as Montevideo, Uruguay. Do you believe in Armenian Christian Heritage? Do you believe in Armenian continuity? **Then, you need to believe in and support Haigazian College with your prayers, first, and your financial commitment. For permanent gift opportunities, please write to AMAA, 140 Forest Ave., Paramus, N.J. 07652.**

## ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL PRESENCE IN FAR-FLUNG PLACES

The Executive Director, Dr. G.H. Chopourian, was instructed by the Board of Directors to visit our evangelical friends in Sao Paulo, Brazil; Montevideo, Uruguay; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Athens, Greece.

The courtesies, love and care extended to him and Mrs. Chopourian were proverbially Armenian. To detail the visits, meetings, conferences and preaching engagements would only exhaust the patience of the readers. The Board of Directors, however, would like to extend its heartfelt thanks and appreciation to each and every person who met with the Executive Director for purposes of improving evangelical community life. To list all the persons would fill a couple of pages, so we'll forego that with the permission of our far-flung friends.

### Sao Paulo, Brazil

We have had association with the Armenian Evangelical Church of Sao Paulo since its early beginnings and provided some financial assistance.

The church has established an Endowment Fund with the AMAA, income from which reverts to the church annually and there are two or three AMAA life members and a number who are in our Child Education Sponsorship Program. We are, when all is said and done, mission partners.

The Church has two problems. First of all, it needs an Armenian-speaking minister. For five years now, this need has not been filled. We have promised to provide interim part-timers for three to six months, but that is not the best arrangement. We should all pray that God may raise a local person committed to ministerial service and willing to receive training in a theological school. The AMAA would assist fully in the training program.

The second problem is a concern for its properties. What will happen to the building and land if Portuguese-speaking, non-Armenian leaders have final say in congregational decisions. Most of the current leaders are weighing the necessity of reverting title to the AMAA.

The congregation is well and alive and has an adequate youth group but it is conscious of the fact that its past glory has somewhat waned.

### Montevideo, Uruguay

The First Armenian Evangelical Church of Montevideo is a relatively new church and has never had a full-time permanent pastor. In the past, the AMAA sent interim pastors who served from one, six, nine to eighteen months. Local spiritual leaders have filled the pulpit the remainder of the times. About ten years ago, to give respite to the congregation from rented halls, the AMAA purchased a building to give the congregation a permanent home.

Finally, God looked with grace upon the church and gave it a permanent pastor in the person of Obed Boyajian,



(l. to r.): Isaac Chadavian, Dr. G.H. Chopourian, Sarkis Gullujian and AMAA Endowment Funder, Jirair Topalian of Buenos Aires.

a dentist. The AMAA opened up opportunities for the doctor to follow theological studies in Buenos Aires. He qualified and upon the call of the congregation, he was ordained on November 30, 1986. The Executive Director, whose guidance to the church led to the call, was requested to ordain the ordinant but his advice was that the Moderator of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America, the Rev. Dr. Vahan Tootikian, should be sent to Montevideo for the ordination since the Union represents one of the ecclesiastical arms of the AMAA.

The other church is located in the impoverished part of the city. The Armenian Evangelical Church of La Teja is small in membership but has embraced a big project, a Christian Medical Polyclinic. The newly-elected pastor, Martin Gurlejian, was ordained on Sunday, September 28 at which the Executive Director gave the charge to the congregation. He will be the spiritual ambassador of the Medical Clinic. The doctors, officers and members of the Clinic are all volunteers; patients are not charged for consultations; and medicine is provided free of charge. The Executive Director's positive recommendation was accepted by the AMAA Board of Directors who assigned \$12,300 for the first year of its operation which recorded 2,500 patient care. Of the assigned sum,

and their philanthropies will put the account in the black.

The MAES was founded in 1982 and the first sessions began on the campus of the United Armenian Congregational Church in September of that year with 15 students. It was moved to rented facilities and due to growth, held school in two different locations. This year, the school has 256 students in its new permanent home.

The school building is on 13330 Riverside Drive, Sherman Oaks, California. The property in question is 42,875 sq. ft. in size, 15,824 sq. ft. of which are improvements. The improvements are three buildings, the first of which is a neat church building. The second one contains two classrooms and offices, and the third is a two-story building with classrooms and a sports auditorium. The School

Board may manage to carve out eight classrooms. We believe firmly we owe the find and the completion of the transactions to God's leading.

We extend a challenge to all Armenians in the fifty states of our adopted country who believe we should keep our Christian Armenian heritage alive to pray for the success of our new institution which has a Christ-centered curriculum. Actually, we have established a new Endowment Fund Portfolio in which we shall list all endowment funders by name. It is encouraging that we have had participants in the Fund already. Would you consider being a participant? A donation of \$100 minimum entitles participants to Fund membership. Please write to us for information.

\$7,500 is for the purchasing and equipping of a van for a mobile clinic and \$4,800 for home visitations, evangelism and maintenance. Pray for this mission of ours and help us.

#### Buenos Aires

The AMAA founded a District Chapter here and purchased a building for local Christian activities. The late Mr. Louis Jivelekian was the convincing person to lead the AMAA Board to found a Branch. The Executive Director paid a visit to his wife who later joined a large group for dinner at our Rivadavia building. An Executive Council of twelve (12) persons administer the Mission Branch. The group organizes lectures, special events, such as remembrance of the Genocide, Vartantz and so on, Bible studies and banquets. On Sundays, the Greeks have service in the hall. A worker is needed for this mission to have effective results.

A new development is being looked into. A generous Armenian is offering a



(l. to r.): Mrs. Romilda Jivelekian, widow of the late Juis Jivelekian; Mrs. Yerouhie Choupourian; the Executive Director; and the Rev. Jose Balian, Pastor of the Armenian Evangelical Cong'l Church of Buenos Aires.

#### ARMENIAN SCHOOLS IN BUENOS AIRES

There is an abundance of schools in three South American countries — two in Uruguay (Montevideo), one in Brazil (Sao Paulo) and the largest number in Argentina (Buenos Aires). The Argentina schools are listed below by the Executive Director, the information having been provided to him by Mr. Bedros Hajian, the distinguished Principal of a great Armenian school:

NAME OF SCHOOL	OWNERSHIP	LEVEL	PRINCIPAL	STUDENTS
St. Greg. ILL. Arslanian	Arm. Apost. Ch.	1,2,3	B. Hajian	600
Khrimian Educ. Foundation	A.R.F.	1,2,3	R. Mozian	550
Arzrouni Nat.	Arm. Apost. Ch.	1,2	D. Bouldoukian	120
Mekhitarian	Mekh. Fathers	1,2,3	—	350
Bakhchedjian	Arm. Apost. Ch.	2	—	100
Azkayeen Varjaran	Arm. Apost. Ch.	1,2	Rev. Bozoian	120
Marie Manoogian	AGBU	1,2,3	K. Marashlian	349
St. Mesrob (Cordoba)	Arm. Apost. Ch.	2	K. Torosian	150

goodly sum in six figures for the founding of an Armenian school at the Rivadavia building. If the Brotherhood Church and the Armenian Congregational Church can unite with the District Committee to give the leadership and support necessary, the AMAA Board may give the proposal serious consideration. The benefactor has been asked to present his proposal in writing to the District Committee and the latter has been asked to study the proposal and make its recommendation to the AMAA Board.



The "Armenia" Building in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The building houses and olympic size swimming pool, offices, a dining hall, a publication department, a theater and other facilities for youth and community activities. Each floor of the building is a gift of one or more benefactors.



Mr. Bedros Hajian, Principal of St. Gregory the Illuminator High School of Buenos Aires.

#### Athens, Greece

The Executive Director was made member of the U.S. Advisory Committee of the Jinishian Memorial Program (JMP). Vartan Jinishian, son of an evangelical minister, bequeathed a large sum of money to the U.S. Presbyterian Church. The annual income of the Fund is to be used for Armenians outside the United States. The Will of the benefactor states that the U.S. Advisory Committee must be composed of five members: two from the Presbyterian Church and three from the Armenian community. Work is carried on by the Advisory Committees in Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, Iraq and Iran. The U.S. Advisory Committee organized a meeting in Geneva (Oct. 22-24) for the leaders of the worldwide Advisory Committees. The Executive Director, whose expenses were taken care of by JMP (Mrs. Choupourian paid her own fare as tourist), attended the meetings which were a means of introducing him to the extensive and great work being done by JMP.

Using this opportunity, he took a "free ride" to Athens because the church leaders indicated there was need for consultation.

The important consultation was on the need of a minister. For over a year now following the death of the long-time servant Krikor Demirjian, there has not been a minister. The Union of the Armenian Evangelical Churches of the Near East (UAEC-NE) have proposed a candidate in the person of Badveli Mher Khachigian. It was agreed that if a permanent placement is made, the AMAA would make substantial provisions towards the minister's salary, increasing the annual subsidy to Greece in AMAA's Budget.

The Church in Greece has the same concern about its properties as the Sao Paulo Church. It was agreed to study all aspects of the problem in Greece and the U.S. and plan an appropriate strategy.

Here we are. We have shared intimate work situations with you. The Executive Director has made helpful suggestions, all of which require budgets and expenses. We hope that you can join in prayer with the Executive Director, his colleagues and the Board members so that God's will may be made visible.

## URGENT HELP NEEDED TO SAVE SHAHE'S EYE

The telex message from Beirut, Lebanon was to the point: "An 8-year old boy, called Shahe, had an accident and seriously damaged his left eye. Surgery, following the accident, was not successful. Doctors have recommended that Shahe undergo surgery in the United States as his best chance to save his eye. Shahe's family is poor. The Jinishian Memorial Program has undertaken the travel expenses of Shahe and his mother. They will leave for Boston Tomorrow. Please help save Shahe's eye."

In early October, Shahe and his mother arrived in the United States. An AMAA Board member and the pastor of one of our churches helped in making the necessary arrangements for Shahe's medical examination and tests in Boston and in Chicago. The AMAA undertook local U.S. travelling and lodging expenses for the boy and his mother.

Doctors indicated that Shahe's

eye could be saved by a series of surgeries. He has had two surgeries in Chicago already. It is estimated that the cost of surgery to save this child's eye will range from \$12,500 to \$25,000.

In the past, you, our caring members and friends, helped in saving the lives of three young men with serious surgeries — Serop (kidney transplant), Vicken (artificial legs), and Nayiri (eye surgery). With your help and prayerful support, Shahe will be salvaged too!

THIS IS AN APPEAL TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, CHURCHES AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS TO COME TO SHAHE'S HELP.

Won't you please pray for Shahe and send a contribution towards the account for his surgery. Please make your checks to:

AMAA — for Shahe's surgery  
and post to 140 Forest Avenue,  
Paramus, N.J. 07652.

#### ARSHIE AND STELLA MATHSON CELEBRATE TRIPLE ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, August 31st, 1986, Stella and Archie Mathson celebrated an evening with family and friends in commemoration of their 45th Wedding Anniversary, and their 75th and 80th Birthdays. Approximately 240 people attended the event at the Picadilly-Inn University in Fresno, California. The festivities included a dinner and program of entertainment.

Stella and Archie have been long-time residents of Fresno; Archie as a farmer-businessman; Stella as a teacher and homemaker. They are members of numerous public service organizations and the Pilgrim Armenian Church.

Honored guest, Dr. Giragos Choupourian, Executive Director of the Armenian Missionary Association of America, traveled from Paramus, New Jersey, with his wife, Yerouhie, to especially present Archie and Stella with a plaque honoring their many years of generous support for the AMAA.

and Archie, directed by Dr. Hagop Chakmakjian, the former Pastor of the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church who married them 45 years ago. Adding special lustre to this part of the program were the remarks of Reverend Harry Missirlian, Minister to the Union of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America and Pastor Emeritus of the Pilgrim Armenian Church.

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The highlight of the evening was the renewing of the marriage vows by Stella



*Mr. and Mrs. Archie Mathson*

was Dr. Richard Kezirian from Pacific Grove, California. Gary Kezirian of Fresno delivered the opening prayer. Both are the nephews of Stella and Archie. Neal Mathson, their son, presented a beautiful and stirring toast to begin the evening.

Relatives from around the United States were Beulah Sarkisian, Satenig Parsekian, Berje David, Margaret Kalianian, George and Alice Hoogasian from Massachusetts; Marilyn Woloohojanian, Anne Boyajian and Roxanne Oden, Rhode Island; Steven Boyajian, Illinois; Betty Shanlian and Dennis Shanlian, Washington; and Debbie Hughey, Maryland.

#### **HALAJIANS CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY AND BIRTHDAY**

John and Agnes Halajian, long-time members of the AMAA were honored on July 13, 1986 at the monthly luncheon of the Calvary Armenian Congregational Church of San Francisco, Calif. The celebration was twofold. It marked their 60th wedding anniversary and John's 95th birthday. It was fitting that this coincided with the 60th anniversary of the church as both of them over the years have served unselfishly in the church in many capacities. She, particularly, as a vocalist, and he with his mechanical ability.

Mr. George Beylerian was the master of ceremonies of the event which was attended by many friends. Dr. Zaven Adrouny, Peter Amirkhanian, Edward

Medzian, Roxie Shamlan, Leah Garabedian and Isabel Daigian shared words of tribute to the honorees and Eleonore Aslanian entertained the guests with Armenian songs. John, 95 years young, with great humor told about his courtship of Agnes. In a more serious vein, Agnes remembered her parents. Very shortly after her mother's arrival in the United States, the massacres occurred. This had a profound effect upon her mother—God had saved her family for a purpose. It was her firm belief, which she taught to her children, that God has a plan for every person and that wherever we are, we should serve Him with gratitude.



*Mr. and Mrs. John Halajian*

#### **THE REV. & MRS. MARDIROS MARGANIAN DONATE \$4,000 IN CELEBRATION OF 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

The Rev. Mardiros and Mrs. Sirvart Marganian celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary last August at their home in Van Nuys, CA. The event was marked with a family reunion attended by their children and grandchildren from Massachusetts and California.

In a letter addressed to the Executive Director, the Marganians have stated that on the occasion of this happy milestone in their lives, they are most happy to be able to continue their support of the work of the AMAA with a donation of \$4,000 given as a token of their deep gratitude to God and in great appreciation of the worldwide ministry of the Association. They have requested that their donation be used to establish a fund designated for emergency relief programs supported by the Association.

The Rev. and Mrs. Marganian have



*Rev. and Mrs. Mardiros Marganian*

been strong believers in the mission of the AMAA. They have prayed for and contributed to the work of the Association with unfailing faithfulness for many years.

The Rev. Marganian served as the pastor of the Immanuel Armenian Congregational Church until his retirement in 1975. Prior to his pastorate in the Immanuel Church, Rev. and Mrs. Marganian labored in the Armenian Evangelical Community in the Middle East where Rev. Marganian served as the pastor of several Armenian Evangelical Churches in Syria and Lebanon.

#### **OUR APOLOGIES . . .**

for the omission of a picture that should have been featured with the article on Mr. Albert G. Tutor, Executive Vice President and Treasurer of Tutor/Saliba, Contractors/Engineers which appeared in the last (August 1986) issue of the AMAA NEWS. The article only included Mr. Ronald Tutor's picture. The picture below is that of Mr. Albert G. Tutor.



## **EDWARD AND HELEN MARDIGIAN HONORED FOR PHILANTHROPIES**

Edward and Helen Mardigian were recently honored at a special testimonial banquet held at the Cultural Building of St. John's Armenian Church of Detroit, MI. The banquet, which took place on Sunday, November 16, was tendered by the Armenian Research Center of The University of Michigan, Dearborn (ARCUM-D), The Knights and Daughters of Vartan of Detroit and St. John's Armenian Church of Detroit. Mr. Mardigian and his wife, Helen, were honored for their many and extensive philanthropies and their outstanding contribution to ARCUM-D. Prominent speakers paying tribute to the Mardigians at the banquet included: Dr. Dennis R. Papazian, who also MCed the event, and Dr. William A. Jenkins of the University of Michigan, Dearborn; Senator Donald W. Riegle; Congressman Sander Levin; Mr. Kachador N. Kazarian and Dr. Arra Avakian of the Knights of Vartan; son Edward Mardigian, Jr.; daughter Mrs. Marilyn Mardigian Varbedian; The Rev. Paren Avedikian, Pastor of St. John's Armenian Church; The Rev. Khajag Barsamian, Vicar General of the Diocese of the Armenian Church; and The Rev. Dr. G.H. Chopourian, Executive Director of the AMAA. All the speakers highlighted the universal dimension of the Mardigians' charities and paid tribute to them for their active involvement in and generous financial assistance of worthy Armenian causes. The Mardigians have given several million dollars to Armenian institutions, organizations and activities over the years including the AGBU, the Diocese of the Armenian Church, the ACYOA, the Tekeyan Cultural Association, the AYF, the Armenian Assembly, the Armenian Sisters' Academy, and now to the Armenian Research Center to the University of Michigan. Many other projects at home and abroad have also been supported.

Most recently, the Mardigians established an Endowment Fund of \$50,000 with the AMAA in connection with its new independently investable program. The income from the Mardigian Fund will provide for the educational programs of the



*Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mardigian*

Association. Previously, the couple made six figure provisions for Haigazian College in Beirut and supported AMAA's Child Education Sponsorship Program for a couple of decades.

The Mardigians have been long-time generous patrons of the Armenian General Benevolent Union, of which Mr. Mardigian has been a member for 50 years. He is a popular and dynamic leader of that organization, having served for 15 years first as President and then Chairman of the Central Committee of America (of which he is now Honorary Chairman), and then for several years as a member and then Executive Vice President of the international Central Board of Directors.

Mr. Mardigian was a founding Trustee and now Life Trustee of the Armenian Assembly of America, an organization which he championed from its beginning; and he has given unselfishly and lavishly to numerous Armenian church parishes, organizations, institutions and projects.

Edward and Helen Mardigian have also been supportive of American charities, organizations and politics. They have been received by presidents, governors, political leaders and foreign heads of state; and they have been honored all over the world.

Mardigian has also played an impor-

tant role in the Armenian involvement in the democratic process in his adopted country. He was a sponsor and honoree of the "Thank You, America" banquet, given on the occasion of the United States' bicentennial anniversary on behalf of all Armenians in America. Appointed a U.S. Representative to the Helsinki Accords Conference by President Carter, he attended the meetings in Spain in 1980. President Reagan asked him to continue his participation on the Helsinki Accords Committee.

Mardigian is currently involved in many and varied organizations, most of which are related to his Armenian heritage. He is the only Armenian to have been elected to all the executive offices of the Chief Executives' Organization, an international group of prominent business executives.

In all of his work, Edward was aided by his loyal and supportive wife, Helen, a most gracious lady who is loved by all who know her.

Edward and Helen Mardigian have demonstrated in their lives and by their charities what people of good will can do to better society. Their personal devotion and financial support of worthy causes is a monument to their goodness and an example deserving of recognition, appreciation and emulation by all.

## A GREAT LEADER OF THE ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL WORLD HAS PASSED FROM OUR MIDST

The Rev. Hovhannes P. Aharonian, one of the most prominent leaders of the Armenian Evangelical world, made the transition from this life to life eternal on the 24th of August, 1986, in Beirut, Lebanon. Funeral services for the Rev. Aharonian were held on August 28th at the First Armenian Evangelical Church of Beirut, followed by interment at the Armenian Evangelical Cemetery of Furn-el-Chebbek, Lebanon. Organized by the Union of the Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East (UAEC-NE), the services were officiated by the Rev. Hovhannes Karjian, Moderator of the UAEC-NE, and attended by many members of the Armenian Evangelical Community of Lebanon along with clergymen from Arab and Armenian sister churches and denominations, and representatives from the many institutions and organizations with which he was associated during his lifelong Christian ministry.

On Sunday, September 14, a memorial service was held at the United Armenian Congregational Church of Hollywood, CA, where the sons of the Rev. Aharonian, Dr. Vicken and Dr. Hrair, and their families are active members.

### A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF THE REV. HOVHANNES P. AHARONIAN

The Reverend Hovhannes P. Aharonian was born in Zeitoun, Turkey, on April 12, 1909 to the Armenian Evangelical family of Panos and Augustina Aharonian. The eldest of four surviving children, he and his family were deported during World War I, and suffered the trials and tribulations of the Armenian Nation, moving initially to Marash, and then to Alexandretta, Syria, and eventually to Aleppo, Syria, where he received his secondary education, and graduated from the Aleppo College in 1933.

He moved to Beirut, Lebanon, in 1937 and enrolled the Near East School of Theology and the American University of Beirut. He graduated concurrently from both institutions in 1941, receiving a Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Christian Education. He subsequently spent a year at McCormick Theological Seminary, in Chicago, Illinois. In 1948 he received his Master of Arts degree in Christian Education.

The Reverend H.P. Aharonian was ordained to the ministry in Troy, New York, in 1948



The Rev. Hovhannes P. Aharonian

The Rev. Aharonian was one of our most capable and prominent leaders who, for more than thirty years, provided unequalled leadership to the Armenian Evangelical Church through his outstanding services to the UAEC-NE, the Near East School of Theology and the Armenian Evangelical Inter-Union Council. He served in these institutions in many important capacities and,

through his multi-faceted and unique ministry, made an unparalleled contribution to the life and witness of the Armenian Evangelical Movement.

The Rev. Aharonian's ministry extended beyond the confines of the Armenian Evangelical Community. Serving as a distinguished professor and president of the NEST for thirty years, he had an important part in the training of successive generations of pastors and Christian workers who serve in Armenian and non-Armenian churches in the Middle East.

The Rev. Aharonian also played a pivotal role in the ecumenical movement in the Middle East. Serving as the president of the Near East Council of Churches (NECC) and co-president and chairman of the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC), he provided capable and inspiring leadership to these organizations and their agencies.

Respected highly for his capable leadership, outstanding administrative abilities and astute Christian statesmanship, the Rev. Hovhannes P. Aharonian leaves a leadership gap in the Armenian and Christian communities in the Middle East which will be difficult to fill.

by the Armenian Evangelical Union of the Eastern States. He returned to Beirut to teach at the Near East School of Theology until 1959. He then became principal and its president from 1959 until 1978. .

He was the treasurer of Bible Lands Union of Christian Education from 1951 to 1968.

President of the Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches of the Near East from 1956-1979. And its Honorary President since then.

Co-President, with the Catholicos of the See of Cilicia, of the National Sanatorium of Azounieh, since 1960.

A founding member in 1955 and a member of the Board of Managers of Haigazian College for a total of twenty five years.

Chairman of the Inter-Union Council of Armenian Evangelical Churches, at its conferences in 1952, 1955 and 1965.

Chairman, Secretary, and various positions on committees and commissions that drafted or revised the Constitution and By-Laws of the Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches

of the Near East, its Pension Funds, its Nominating Committees, its Building Funds, etc.

He was President of the Near East Council of Churches from 1971 to 1974, and was a member of its Executive Committee from 1965-1974. When it expanded to become the

Middle East Council of Churches, he served as Co-President of the Council and Chairman of its Executive Committee from 1974-1985. He was named Honorary President for life of this organization in 1985.

He was a delegate to the World Council of Churches Assemblies of 1954, 1961, 1975, and 1983, and served as a member of the Central Committee of this organization from 1954 to 1961.

The Rev. Aharonian passed away, at the age of 77, on August 24th, 1986, in Beirut, Lebanon.

He is survived by his wife, Lydia; and his two sons, Hrair Steven, and Vicken John, and his four grandchildren, Diran, Vahe, Haig, and Raffi.

## CHILDREN TALK ABOUT THE WAR



**Boy, age 9:** I want from adults peace. I want from them to finish this war. I want from them to build gardens, playgrounds and a zoo. I want them to give us special care and not let bombs hit children.

**Girl, age 6:** I expect adults to help and never fight, and to love each other.

**Boy, age 9:** I want to live in a world full of roses, of trees, of parks. And I want to be a pilot so that I can fly away from the war if it continues.

**Girl, age 10:** I want them to stop killing people and children as I see them on T.V. and stop throwing bombs. And I want the big people not to shout.

**Boy, age 7:** I want them to learn not to go into the streets and rob people and to take care of us and make for us big gardens to play with our friends and to go fight our enemy and let them leave our country and stop hearing bombs here and there.

**Boy, age 9:** I want to be a doctor because I can render services to all people especially to the poor patients who are not able to pay. I like to help poor people. I want from adults to stop fighting each other so I can live in peace and go out with my friends without being scared.

**Girl, age 10:** I would like it if they take me out of this country. The war began one year before I was born and it is still going on. . I have three sisters older than me and I am living their problems every day. They tell me that the most beautiful period of life is childhood. After three years I'll become an adolescent without really enjoying my childhood.

(From interviews conducted by students of the Beirut University College social work program).

## FAMILIES IN LEBANON PUSHED BELOW POVERTY BELT

Inflation has pushed many middle-class families below the poverty belt.

A man from the northern port city of Tripoli bought an advertisement in Beirut's leading newspaper, An Nahar, today that offered his seven children for adoption. He said he had spent his last pound to pay for the advertisement. (The New York Times—November 20, 1986).

## REACH OUT IN LOVE SPONSOR A CHILD IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Armenian children and youth living in the Middle East can be assured of primary and high school education only with your help. Because of inflation, unemployment and poverty, their parents are hardly able to cope with the cost of living and education.

Many children in Lebanon, living in fear, poverty and uncertainty, will drop out of school unless they receive help.

### THE NEED IS URGENT! SPONSORS ARE NEEDED FOR CHILDREN SPECIALY IN LEBANON

### REACH OUT TODAY!! SPONSOR ONE OR MORE CHILDREN

\$100 will help educate an elementary or high school student.

Fill in the coupon below and mail it today to:  
ARMENIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA  
140 Forest Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey 07652

Yes, I want to reach out in love and help underprivileged children in the Middle East. I wish to sponsor:

- One student       Two students  
 Three students       . . . students  
 Enclosed is my sponsorship contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please bill me  
 Please send me more information  
 I cannot become a sponsor right now, but I enclose a special contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

All gifts are fully tax deductible. Make checks payable to the Armenian Missionary Association of America, Inc., and mail to: AMAA; 140 Forest Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey 07652



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# OBITUARIES

**Համայնքի բարգաւաճման համար:** Աւետարանչական Ընկերակցութիւնը իր լայն օժանդակութիւնը բերեց Իրանի դաշտին: Ընկերակցութեան նիթական օժանդակութեան չնորհիւ, Մեսրոպեան «Գոհար» դպրոցի աշակերտների թիւը բարձրացաւ, կառուցւեց երիցատունը, ընդունար եւ եկեղեցու գրասենեակը, բարեփոխւեց եկեղեցու շէնքը, գնուեցին երկու նոր կենտրոններ Մաջիդիէ եւ Զարքէ քաղաքամասերում՝ աւետարանչական դործի համար:

**Մի խօսքով,** 1965-1975 թւականներին, ԱՀԱՀ-ը աւելի քան 140,000 դոլարի յատկացումներ է արել իրանահայ հաստատութիւններին:

1976 Մարտ 29-ին, Թեհրան ժամանեցին Վեր. եւ Տիկ. Չոփուրեանները: Վեր. Չոփուրեան՝ ԱՀԱՀ-ի գործադիր տնօրէնը ի միջի այլոց արձարծեց Իրանում Աւետարանչականի մասնաճիւղ ունենալու հարցը: Ժամանակի հովիւ Վեր. Խաչատուրեան ընդունեց եւ նոյն թիւ Հոկտեմբեր 15-ին գումարեց առաջին ժողովը: Ժողովին մասնակցեցին 38 հոգի: Բացատրւեց նպատակը: Կատարւեց արձանագրութիւն: Հիմք զրւեց Իրանի մասնաճիւղին: Գրւեց կանոնագիրը՝ Նոյեմբեր ամսին: Մասնաճիւղն անւանեց՝ Իրանի Հայ Աւետարանչական Միութիւն: Պաշտօնական ժողովը եւ վարչական կազմի ընտրութիւնը տեղի ունեցաւ Դեկտ. 17, 1976 թիւն: Ընտերցւեց կանոնագիրը եւ վաւերացւեց ժողովականների կողմից: Մասնաճիւղի վարչութիւնը 1976-ի Դեկտեմբեր ամսին սկսեց իր գործունէութիւնը Վեր. Թ. Միքայէլեանի նախագահութեամբ:

Իրանի մասնաճիւղի նպատակն է՝ նիւթապէս, բարոյապէս եւ գործնականապէս օժանդակել ԱՀԱՀ-ին իրանի գործի մէջ, որպէսզի Աւետարանի ճշմարտութիւնները տարածեն՝ քրիստոնէական դաստիարակութեան, քարոզութեան, ազգային-ընկերային ծառայութեան եւ նման գործունէութիւնների միջոցով, նախ՝ մեր ազգի եւ ապա՝ ըստ կարելոյն, ուրիշ ազգերի մէջ:

Վեր. Թ. Միքայէլեանն իր նախագահութեան հանգամանքը պահեց մինչև 18 Յուլիս 1979, որից յետոյ նախագահութեան պարտականութիւնը ստանձնեց Պրն. Արքահամ Ցովասափեանը: Ցաջորդ տարիների ընթացքում, Միութեան վարչութիւնը կրեց զգալի փոփոխութիւն անդամների արտասահման մեկնելու պատճառով: Համընթաց այդ փոփոխութիւններին, տեղի ունեցաւ յեղափոխութիւնը, որի հետեւանքով Միութիւնը մի առ ժամանակ դադարեցրեց իր աշխատանքները:

Միութիւնն իր ընդհատւած աշխատանքերը վերսկսեց Փետրւար ամսում, 1981 թիւն:

Տարիների ընթացքին տեղի են ունեցել վարչական ժողովներ եւ ընդհանուր տարեկան ժողովներ, որոնց ընթացքին տրւել են տարեկան գործունէութեան զեկուցումներ: Միութեան եկամուտի գլխաւոր աղքաւրներէն եղել են անդամ-ուհիների անդամակիցարները, ձեռնարկներից ստացած հասոյթները եւ անհատների նույնները:

Եւ ահա տասը տարի է, որ Իրանի Մասնաճիւղը շարունակում է իր համեստ գործունէութիւնը:

Արտատպուած՝ «Սուրհանդակ» էն

## ԲԱՄԲԻՇ ԱՏԷԼ ՏԵՄԻՐՋԵԱՆ



Հայ կնոջ եւ Հայ մօր տիպար օրինակը հանդիսացող մեր բարերիշներէն՝ Ատէլ Տէմիրճեանը իր ամուսնոյն՝ Վեր. Գրիգոր Տէմիրճեանի, որուն միջոցաւ իր համակ կեանքը ընծայում մը կ'ըլլայ իր Փրկչին եւ ժողովութիւն:

Տիկ. Ատէլ, Վեր. Տէմիրճեանի աչքը եւ մականը գարձած էր: Իր հոգածութեան առարկան ըրած էր իր բողոք ազգակիցները անխսիր: Մանաւանդ յետ պատերազմեան գժուարին տարիներուն, ան, Վերապատուելիին հետ, հոգեւոր, ընկերային ու նիւթական մեծ օր հունութիւններու միջոցը եղած է շատ մը կարուեաներու ու անկարներու: Իր սեղանը միշտ բաց էր, թէ օտարեներուն եւ թէ իր Հայրենակիցներուն: Իր ունեցածը անպայման պիտի կիսէր կարուեալ բարեկամներու եւ կամ նոյնիսկ չքաւոր անձանոթին հետ:

Տիկ. Ատէլ, Տուրքութիւնի վրանանկ եւ թիթեղաչէն դպրոցներուն մէջ երկար տարիներ ծառայած էր որպէս ուսուցչուհի Հայ մանուկին ջամբելով ազգային ու քրիստոնէական դաստիարակութիւն:

Իր Վերապատուելի ամուսնոյն խոստովանութիւնը, «անգամ մըն ալ եթէ աշխարհ գամ կրկին Ատէլին հետ պիտի ամուսնանամ», լաւագոյն ու ամենախօսուն վկայութիւնը կը ներկայացնէ Բամբէի մասին:

Երբ հիմա ան մտած է Տէրոջ ուրախութեանը մէջ, ու միացած իր սիրելի կողակիցին, Ատէլած թող օրհնէ անոր բարի ու թանկագին յիշառակը բոլոր իր սիրելիներուն ու իր սիրած ժողովութիւն:

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

Due to limited space, we were not able to print all the obituaries that were sent to us by AMAA members and friends. Those received in these past months, will appear in the next issue of the AMAA NEWS.

**Sympathies extended:** — The Board of Directors, the Executive Director, the Field Directors and the staff, all of whom are acquainted with the deceased, their families and relatives through the AMAA records, extend their sincere and deep sympathies to the immediate kin, relatives and friends of the deceased, whose obituaries, transmitted to the Editor by pastors, friends or relatives, are recorded below.

“Let not your heart be troubled,” said our Lord, “ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you . . . I will come again, and receive you unto myself.” (Jo. 14:1-3). This is the hope by which we should all live.

## IN MEMORY OF AMAA PAST PRESIDENT JOHN H. KEYISHIAN



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John Keyishian, former president of the AMAA, died on August 28, 1986 at the age of 81.

John was born in Chomaklou, Turkey, in 1904. The 1915 deportations had a severe impact on his family: he suffered the loss of his father, grandmother, and two younger brothers. In 1917, he found refuge in an orphanage in Aleppo, Syria, and in 1921, with the help of his brother-in-law, he came to the United States.

Working as a waiter and salesman to help support his mother and brother, he pursued his education in the evenings. He completed elementary and high schools, followed by two years of study at Columbia University. In 1927 he founded the Keyishian Rug Company, in which his brother, Robinson, joined him the next year. In 1931, he married Arax Artinian, a native of Talas. They had two sons from their long and happy married life, Harry and Paul.

John Keyishian displayed a deep commitment to the advancement of Armenian social, religious and cultural activities. With Mr. Keyishian's death, we lost a great man, a loyal friend and a prominent leader. We mourn his passing, yet we praise God for his life and dedicated service.

In the 1920's he helped re-establish the Chomaklou Compatriotic Society and over the years he served as the organization's president and as editor of its annual publication, Arkeos.

As a life-long member of the Armenian Evangelical Church in New York, he served

on its Boards of Elders, Deacons and Trustees, as well as on a number of committees on cultural and ecumenical matters.

Joining the Knights of Vartan in 1934, he became a founding member of the Etchmiadzin Lodge. He served the organization in many capacities over the years. In 1975 he was named Knights of Vartan Man of the Year, and in 1985 was honored as a fifty-year member.

Gifted with literary talents, he wrote two books, one a collection of poetry, and the other a play about immigrant life in New York. In 1980, using the pseudonym “John Darubian,” he gave an account of his life experience to the editors of American Mosaic, a popular anthology of oral histories used in many high school and college courses on immigration.

A life-long member of the AMAA, John was one of the last representatives of that generation of committed leaders which laid the foundation of the AMAA. Mr. Keyishian's initial involvement with the AMAA was at his tender age, when, as a young idealistic man, he was captivated by the high purposes of the Association. Since then, he uninterruptedly and wholeheartedly served the Association in many important capacities. He acted as Chairman of his church's AMAA Chapter; served on the Board of Directors, the Executive and other important Committees of the Association.

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John Keyishian had an unequalled grasp of the spirit and mission of the AMAA. This, combined with his rare human qualities and impeccable reputation, made him an ambassador par excellence of the AMAA.

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## EVELYN JANBAZIAN MOSCARITOLO



Evelyn Janbazian Moscaritolo was born in Philadelphia, PA, in 1921 to Calvin and Nvard Janbazian. The family attended the Armenian Martyrs Congregational Church which her two grandfathers had helped to plan.

When Evelyn was four years old, the family moved out to Glenside where they joined the local Presbyterian Church. Evelyn had a lovely alto voice and was talented in music. She took violin and voice lessons which led to opportunities to sing in paid choirs.

After high school, Evelyn attended Pierce Business College and then worked for the Presbyterian Board of Education in Philadelphia until her father's health forced her family to move to Pasadena, CA., in 1944.

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blamed Him for her problems. Her concern for others led to her helping other women who had problems. Often there would be some one at her home to talk over some marital, emotional or physical difficulty. She always brought the knowledge of the love of God to help them through the dark times.

In 1983, Evelyn married Edward Moscatello and for two years they enjoyed travelling, until the cancer started to spread and she needed to be hospitalized periodically. In February, Evelyn was admitted to the hospital where she stayed until her death on June 2, 1986. She will be missed by a loving family of her three sons and their families; her sister, Marguerite and her family; her husband, Edward; cousins, aunts and uncles in the Adourian, Bedrossian and Janbazian families; and many friends.

#### RICHARD MOURAD

Richard A. Mourad was born to H.K. and Virginia Mourad in Chicago, Ill., on June 14, 1918. He was one of two children. His sister is Helen Baboian. At the age of 12, Richard, who regularly attended church with his parents, accepted the Lord as his Savior and followed Him in the waters of Baptism. Throughout his entire life Richard ws faithful in attending church.

Richard worked several years for his father in the family business following service in the United States Army as a sergeant in the Philippines. In 1954 his parents moved to Fresno, Calif., and he came with them. He began a career with Sears, Roebuck and Company as salesman and department manager, and he served there faithfully for 27 years. Richard loved people and enjoyed serving them in the business world.

In 1961 he married Bee Agulian and they were blessed with three children: a son, Rick, and two daughters, Rachel and Ruth. Upon his retirement in 1983, Richard and his family moved to Reedley, California, where he died suddenly on January 30, 1986.

#### JOHN G. JENANYAN

John G. Jenanian was born on February 23, 1898 in Marash, Cilicia. His parents, Garabed and Sema Jenanyan, came to the United States when he was 11 years old. The Jenanyan family settled in the farming community of Yettem, CA, later moving to Fresno.

In 1944, John married Grace Hussian. The couple settled in the Biola-Barstow area where they farmed for 34 years until their retirement in 1978.

John was a generous supporter of the work of the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA). He and his wife, Grace,



were awarded a special recognition plaque in appreciation of their unfailingly faithful participation in the ministry of the AMAA.

John made the trasition from this life to life eternal on June 16, 1986 at the age of 88. He is survived by his wife, Grace; brother, Harry S. Jananyan; and sister, Josephine Orphan. His brother, Charles H. Jenanyan passed away on April 13, 1986.

#### JOHN PHILIBOSIAN



John Philibosian, a resident of Hillsborough, Calif., entered into eternal rest on September 13, 1986 just one week after a happy 90th birthday celebration with his family.

A Memorial Service was held on September 18th at the First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame, where the Philibosians have been members for thirty-four years.

John came to Syracuse, NY, in 1912 to his Uncle Harry Philibosian's home. Here he worked for his Uncle Harry and learned the Oriental Rug business until he enlisted in World War I. After the end of the war, with the aid of the Red Cross, he was able to bring his family to this country. By this time, John was in the rug business for himself and after

some years, he and his family were settled in California.

In 1925, he married Eugenie Margosian. They were blessed with two children, Harold and Rita. Just recently, he and his son opened a new shop on their own property in San Carlos, CA. He was so proud to see his son carrying on the business he had once started.

John and his family have been active church members. He was a supporter of the AMAA and other Armenian religious and charitable organizations.

John is survived by his wife, Eugenie; son, Harold; daughter, Rita Donoian; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brother, Barkave; sisters; Mary Sherman, Surpuhe Conte, and Alice Javahirjian; as well as numerous nieces and a nephew.

#### LUCY ODIAN



Lucy Odian was born in Ankara, Turkey into the culturally and religiously oriented Odian family. Her parents, Garabed and Hripsime Odian, were active in the social life of the community and were noted for their charity and dedication to church and needy people. Lucy attended the Armenian Girls' High School in Adapazar. She was graduated from that boarding school in 1914, the youngest in her class which was the last class to graduate. In 1915 the school was confiscated by the Turks. Lucy, her sister, Alice, and their parents, miraculously survived the 1915 massacres.

After many hardships, having lost their ancestral estates and wealth, they came to the United States in 1919 and joined Lucy's three brothers who lived in Dorchester, Mass. Lucy attended the Boston Conservatory of Music. Meanwhile, she taught Armenian in the Saturday Armenian School in Dorchester. She worked as an embroidery designer for women's clothes at the Robinson Brothers in Boston until about 1936.

In 1937, Lucy married Charles Odian, a relative from Angora, who had come to the

United States to attend Boston University. In the 1940s they move to Watertown. She cared for her husband who suffered from angina until he died in 1958. Lucy graciously gave of her piano-playing talents to many community groups.

Lucy is survived by her sister, Alice Odian Kasparian of Belmont, who in 1958 moved from Washington, D.C. with her late husband, Khoren, to be near her sister. Alice was with Lucy when she died at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 27, at Mt. Auburn Hospital, Cambridge, due to a sudden major stroke.

#### CHARLES H. JENANYAN



Charles Howard Jenanyan was born on September 8, 1910 in Yettem, Calif. a town which was founded by a group led by his uncle, the late Rev. H.S. Jenanyan, founder of Jenanyan College of Konya, Turkey.

Charles was born and brought up in Yettem and Fresno, Calif. His parents Garabed and Sema were active in the Yettem Presbyterian Church which was started in their home.

Charles married the former Roxy Mosesian on May 4, 1941 and became an active member of the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church of Fresno.

In 1976, cancer struck and forced Charles to retire from farming. He faced his illness with faith and calm reserve. He said, "I'll do what the doctors say and trust the good Lord—one day at a time." After more than two years of treatment, with no apparent side effects, Charles' condition was in total remission. He felt that he was healed by God's hand. This conclusion was also shared by his great-nephew, Dr. Jeffrey Panosian, who is a surgeon. At this time, Charles felt led to once again become involved in the life of the church. He and his wife, Roxy, gladly and tirelessly served as deacons for three years (1981-1984). Charles was known for his warmth, friendly smile, and his strong beliefs of sound Christian principles of honesty and integrity.

A sudden heart attack took him to his heavenly home on April 13, 1986. He is survived by his wife Roxy; children, Kathleen and Charles Joseph; a brother, Harry H. Jenanyan; and a sister, Josephine Orphan. A brother, John, passed away two months after Charles.

**The AMAA Board of Directors extend their heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased through the medium of the AMAA NEWS.**

- \*PROODIAN, Mary Yarmouth Prt. MA April 10, 1985
  - \*MOURAD, Richard A. Fresno, CA Jan. 31, 1986
  - \*PROODIAN, Stella Watertown, MA Feb. 2, 1986
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